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SUBJ: COUNTERVAILING DUTY PETITIONS: US STEEL

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B. EC BRUSSELS 9475 (NOTAL)

C. ROME 15224

1. EMBASSY PASSED SUBSTANCE REFTEL (A) TO MINISTRIES
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA), FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) AND COMMERCE,
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ITALIAN PRESS GAVE WIDESPREAD COVERAGE TO, AND HAD FAVORABLE

COMMENT ON, TREASURY'S REJECTION OF US STEEL PETITION.

2. MFA REP FUXA (DIRECTOR, EC-GATT AFFAIRS) TOLD EMBOFF THAT TREASURY DECISION, WHICH HAD BEEN PROMPTLY REPORTED BY ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WAS "GOOD NEWS". HE SAID HE "HOPED THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF A TREND", NOTING TREASURY STILL HAS OTHER COUNTERVAILING AND ANTIDUMPING DUTIES PETITIONS IN HAND.

3. MFT REP SIMEONE (DIRECTOR, GATT-EC AFFAIRS) WELCOMED TREASURY DECISION AND SAID THAT MFT HAD NEVER DOUBTED TREASURY WOULD REJECT US STEEL PETITION SINCE IT WAS, IN MFT VIEW, WITHOUT A SOUND LEGAL BASIS. HE INDICATED TREASURY DECISION IS SOUND FIRST STEP IN IMPROVING ATMOSPHERE FOR MTN AND TRADE RELATIONS IN GENERAL.

4. COMMENT, MFA AND MFT REACTION SOMEWHAT MORE RESTRAINED THAN THAT REPORTED PARA (1) REFTEL (B). THEIR VIEW IS THAT US STEEL PETITION WAS SO OBVIOUSLY WITHOUT A SOUND LEGAL BASIS THAT IT MAY NOT PROVIDE A COMPLETE INDICATION OF USG ATTITUDE. VOLPE

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